



State of Indiana
Governor's Residence Commission
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A Brief History of the Indiana Governor's Residence

The Indiana Governor's Residence was built in 1928 by Scott Wadley, with Rabush and Hunter serving as the architects. Since Indianapolis was named the capital of Indiana in 1825, the majority of Indiana's governors have resided near or on Meridian Street. The residence at 4750 N. Meridian Street is the sixth official governor's residence in Indiana.

The North Meridian Street historic district is not just known for its eye-catching architecture and landmarks, but has been very much shaped by Indiana's influential figures who called North Meridian their home. In 1986, the area was listed in the National Register of Historic Places to honor its preserved beauty and rich history.

The English Tudor home is approximately 10,500 square feet and is surrounded by six and one-half acres of green lawn and gardens. Although similar to many of the English Tudor homes on North Meridian Street, the Governor's Residence is structurally unique due to its concrete reinforcement throughout the entire building.

The state of Indiana acquired the home in 1973 for \$242,000 from attorney C. Severin Buschman. Renovations before it opened for official use cost more than \$800,000 and included the installation of air conditioning, a parking lot, and a new vestibule entrance. However, the original Residence has not since been significantly renovated since that time.

Throughout its history, the Governor's Residence has held many meetings and receptions. In 2002, then-First Lady Judy O'Bannon made the Residence handicapped accessible by adding a new wing that houses an event space and offices.

Governor Mitch Daniels and First Lady Cheri Daniels wanted a structurally sound home where all Hoosiers would feel comfortable and therefore began major renovations in 2005. The renovations included restoring the port-cochère, removing layers of paint from the original woodwork, painting the outside trim, repairing the masonry, installing new kitchens and bathrooms, and replacing, thereby bringing up to code, plumbing, electrics, heat ventilation, and air conditioning. Designers from around the state were interviewed with specific criteria and hand-selected by the first lady and chairpersons of the steering committee to complete the Residence.